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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **KAWAI, et al.**

Group Art Unit: 2876

Serial No.: 09/282,450

Examiner: **Diane I. LEE**

Filed: **March 31, 1999**

For. **COMMODITY INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM**
RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116
- EXPEDITED RESPONSE -
GROUP ART UNIT 2876

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

August 1, 2002

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated **March 7, 2002**, extended to **August 7, 2002** by a two
(2) month Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend claims 1-2, 5 and 9 as follows:

1. (Four Times Amended) A commodity information management system for managing a commodity as well as security thereof based on a barcode and a tag attached to said commodity, said system comprising:

a reader provided on a counter top surface for reading the barcode;

a deactivator provided on said counter top surface downstream from said reader for deactivating the tag after the barcode is read by the reader;

a detector provided on said counter top surface downstream from and adjacent to said